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NNSA HEAD KICKS OFF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT TOUR AT Y-12 COMPLEX

OAK RIDGE , Tenn. -- Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration Gen. John Gordon, visited the Y-12 National Security Complex yesterday as the first step on a nuclear weapons complex-wide infrastructure improvement initiative.

At Y-12, Gen. Gordon participated in the demolition of a 46-year-old building that had once served as a guard post for an area of Y-12 where nuclear weapon components are manufactured.

Three buildings at Y-12 are scheduled to be taken down and removed at Y-12 by the end of the current fiscal year, September 30. The infrastructure improvements brought about by deactivating or eliminating unnecessary buildings and other facilities will result in a consolidated manufacturing footprint and will make way for other activities that are part of a multi-year plan to modernize the Y-12 Complex.

As NNSA Administrator, Gen. Gordon has been a driving force behind the initiative to improve the infrastructure at all the facilities in the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons complex.

"Y-12 was the kick-off for that initiative. The demolition and removal of this building is a first step in the removal of many deteriorated buildings both at Y-12 and other parts of the nuclear weapons complex," Gordon said.

BWXT Y-12 L.L.C., which operates the Y-12 Complex for NNSA, has a goal to reduce Y-12's footprint by 500,000 square feet by September 2002.

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